

# Election 2007: Ogden supervisor

## Garry Cranker Ogden Supervisor

**Office Sought:** Ogden Town Supervisor. Political Endorsements: Democratic, Independence, Working Families Party. Length of term: two years.

**Pertinent information:**

Garry Cranker, 32 Hickory Lane, Spencerport, 61. Education: Copenhagen High School, Copenhagen, NY; 30 years of continuing education. Employment: Retiree of Delco Products (Valeo) with 30 years of service / Employee Assistance Director / Member of CWA/IUE Local 509. Family: Wife, Annette; two sons, Thomas and William. Served on Town Committee: Ogden Open Space Committee 2003-2006. Volunteer and Community Service: (present) volunteer for the United Way of Greater Rochester (Community Services Committee); Member of Clio Masonic Lodge #779 in Hilton; Masonic Service Bureau Board; Steering Committee, Relay for Life (Spencerport); Spencerport Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee.



**Two Issues of primary importance in the Town of Ogden:**

**Government Spending:** One of the citizen committees I will form will be to review our town budget before it is presented for approval. There are many ways our budget can be trimmed down and it should be reviewed by department. Salaries of some of the town officials are way out of line for a town the size of Ogden. The first review should be the department of the supervisor and the second, the highway department.

**Preservation of Open Space:** First and most important, residents should have access to the Open Space meetings. Currently, our town government is in violation of the Open Meetings Law and no action has been taken to make it right. I am in favor of a temporary moratorium on development until the current drainage problems are addressed and it is determined to some degree what areas we are going to preserve. There is too much rezoning happening all around town.

**Reason for seeking election:**

To make Ogden a community of people that work together with their government. Your tax dollars need to be spent wisely and without waste. You may be told our current tax rate is stable but it is smoke screened by continued reassessment of your homes causing you to make larger tax payments. Our residents are fully aware of what their tax dollars pay for but they do not know what they get in return. Sadly, residents are selling their homes due to yearly tax increases.

**What I wish you had asked**

**Do you feel that the current state of our nation will effect how the residents of Ogden cast their vote in this year's town races?**

Yes, and it should. Ogden has very educated residents who realize that the turmoil we are experiencing is at all levels of government. I believe this year's election will not be about one political party vs. another. People are ready for change now more than ever. They are ready to join our team and together take back what is rightfully theirs which is the ability to stand up and have a say without being disregarded.

## Gay H. Lenhard Ogden Supervisor

**Office:** Re-election to the office of Ogden Supervisor. Party Endorsements: Republican and Conservative. Length of term - 2 years.

**Pertinent information:** Gay H. Lenhard, 254 S. Union Street, Spencerport, age 73. Education: B.S. Degree in Psychology SUNY Brockport, A.A.S. Degree in Business R.I.T., graduate courses in Personnel and Management, Cornell University. Employment:



Ogden Town Supervisor - 10 years (as of December 31, 2007). Assistant to Ogden Supervisor and Personnel Director - 16 years. Family: Married to Donald Lenhard, two daughters, Kristy Farrand and Robbie Dewey; 4 grandchildren. Volunteer and Community Service: Past Spencerport School Board Member, 10 years, 3 years as president, Board of Directors, Spencerport Area Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester, Board of Directors, Westside YMCA, BSA Eagle Scout Board of Review, Past Chairman of Ogden Senior Center Advisory Board, Board of Religious Services - First Congregational Church.

**Two issues of primary importance in Ogden**

The primary issue that needs to be addressed is the decline of the Spencerport Village Plaza. The town is working with the village, county and school district to provide a tax abatement program that will revitalize the plaza and create an environment for a new grocery store, as well as additional retail businesses to thrive.

The other issue is to implement the open space plan. We have appointed a committee of knowledgeable people who, with the aid of a local planning consultant, is researching this issue. The goal is to bring their findings and recommendations to the public for their information and input.

**Reason for seeking election:**

Even though we have begun many initiatives, there is still much to be done to maintain Ogden as a rural community, and to keep our village the center of retail business. However, we also need to balance open spaces with growth, while protecting the property owners' rights to develop their land.

Pineway Ponds Park is a wonderful facility that is utilized almost beyond capacity by local sports groups, as well as organizations and families. We have been working with a developer to explore the possibility of an additional facility in the southern part of Ogden, to serve those folks who reside in that area.

I grew up in this community and have always been involved in attempting to make it a better place to live and raise a family. That has not changed, and I will continue to have a vested interest in its future.

**What I wish you had asked:**

No answer submitted